

Learning and growing together, inspired with the love of Jesus.

It has been an exciting term for our pupils, settling into classes with their new teachers and friends. As we come to the end of October, pupils have much to celebrate this half term. Despite the colder, autumnal weather and quite a bit of rain, I love seeing the enthusiasm on the faces of our children as they come into school. Greeting pupils out on the playground each morning is one of the highlights of my day.

It was lovely to see so many families during our open evenings for 'Meet the Teacher' earlier this month and to welcome our reception parents and/ carers for an afternoon of 'Mask making' with their children too. As we approach darker nights, we will be welcoming children back after half term and reminding them to stay safe in the winter months. With the clocks going back, we will be ensuring we can provide lots of learning to help our pupils stay safe during darker nights on the road, with road safety, bike ability and information for all pupils about staying safe on Bonfire night.

Have a wonderful half term break, Miss Doyle, *Acting Headteacher*

## Upcoming Events

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Spooky Read for pupils in our school library

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** Be Bright and Sparkle – PTA own clothes day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** Y6 Remembrance Assembly

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** Y4 Shakespeare Performance at Prescot Theatre

From **28<sup>th</sup> November** Y5 Bikeability

## October Attendance

Nursery AM 89 %

Nursery PM 94%

Reception 83%

Year 1 94%

Year 2 96%

Year 3 93%

Year 4 94%

Year 5 97%

Year 6 90%

**Our target**  
96% and above

Met targets

Just below

Below

## Religious Education

We are reaching the Reveal section of our second topic - Belonging – Baptism/ Confirmation

Each year group have been exploring this through the following topics:



Nursery/Reception: Welcome – how we can welcome a new baby in God's family

Year 1: Belonging and being part of different groups or family

Year 2: Baptism as part of God's family

Year 3: Promises we have in groups and belonging

Year 4: Being called to a family or a group

Year 5: Making Life choices about belonging to a group

Year 6: Vocation and commitment

## PE News

### PE Days remain the same next half term

Tuesday - Year 1 and Year 4

Wednesday – Year 2 and Year 5

Thursday – Year 3 and Year 6

Children should wear their school PE Kits to school on the day of their PE lesson. No football kits please. Pupils might want to wear school tracksuits during colder weather.

### Note changes to After School club (from 7th Nov)

Please remember to **book online** for Happy Hedgehogs

After School Clubs	
Monday	Y1 /2 Gymnastics with Happy Hedgehogs
Tuesday	Y1 /2 Multi Skills (Mr McHale)
Wednesday	Y3/4 Multi Skills (Mr McHale)
Thursday	Y5/6 Multi Skills (Mr McHale) Y4 Shakespeare Drama
Friday	Y3/4 Gymnastics with Happy Hedgehogs



## World Mental Health Day

It's important to take care of our mental health: nurturing what's good for us and limiting things that have a negative impact on it. World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October reminded us to think about the ways in which we keep ourselves well mentally and how it is important to develop strategies to continue to be positive, resilient and stay connected to each other.

For more information on this follow the link

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day>

## British values - Equality

In society, we aim to make sure that all people are **treated fairly** and have equal shares to the good things that are available to us.

It is sometimes said that **women are not paid as much** as men even when doing very similar jobs. It is also said that income is not shared equally across different people. The **poorest people** in the UK have the smallest share of money. See the graph from <https://equalitytrust.org.uk/scale-economic-inequality-uk>

Part of the values that we have in the UK say that we should **argue for fairness** and equality for all people. Will you make this argument and argue for fairness when you get older?



### Farm and Pumpkin Visit -Above and Beyond Reward Trip

Over the course of this half term, staff have been looking out for those pupils who always try their best and going above and beyond. This might be in their learning, with friends or in a certain aspect of school life. The chosen pupils were rewarded with a lovely morning out at Hayloft Farm picking pumpkins and learning about the harvest season in the countryside. Congratulations to our winners

Sydney (R) Ezra (R) Annie (Y1) Frankie (Y1) Mason (Y2) Isabella (Y2) Charlotte (Y3) Jimmy (Y3), Mason (Y4) Melodie (Y4) Alfie (Y5) Amelia W (Y5) Alicia H (Y6) Matthew F (Y6)



### POETRY STARS

#### National Poetry Day- 4<sup>th</sup> October

We celebrated National Poetry Day with our pupils writing their own poems based on the environment. Selected poems were then sent off to a national competition with Young Writers. We wish all the entrants the best of luck but most of all, well done to all the creative writing from pupils and teachers during the day. Mrs Holmes, our English lead, was really impressed with some of the excellent creative language and vocabulary used by children. Good luck and well done!

## Learning in classes

**Nursery** – learning new letters sounds and playing listening games in phonics. Nursery have also been sorting and organising Information in maths



**Reception** – learning about good friendships and how to show kindness and care to each other

**Year 1** – have enjoyed music this term and using glockenspiels to follow a melody. In writing they are learning how to retell events from their class book.



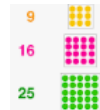
**Year 2** – have enjoyed computing and planning, designing, and building their own towers in DT



**Year 3** – searching for more information about earthquakes around the world and volcanoes using books and our online Britannica encyclopaedia.



**Year 4** – started learning the trumpet and taking them home to practice. They were also getting back in the pool and improving their swimming skills this final week of term.



**Year 5** – in maths, memorising square numbers, creating a website in computing, and writing about Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon in Read to Write



Check out even more on class pages or follow our twitter feed @StAidanHuyton

**Year 6** – have enjoyed lots of text extracts linked to World War 2 including the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. In art, they have been learning about Zaha Hadid, a modern architect and her designs.

## Christmas Events

All pupils will be involved in a range of activities and performances leading up to Christmas although due to limited time and space, you will understand that it is not always possible to invite families to every event. These are dates to put in your diary for the forthcoming weeks leading up to Christmas.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am Reception / Y6 Christmas play** – parents/ carers of Reception and Year 6 children are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am Nursery Christmas Singalong** – parents are invited to a singalong of Christmas songs with their child and Nursery staff in their class setting

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Y1 and Y2 Christmas Carols** – parents/ carers are invited to some and join in with the pupils performance of some popular Christmas songs.

We will endeavour to update you with further dates from 31<sup>st</sup> October

### Pupil Absence

Just a reminder that if your child is absent, please send in a brief letter to explain the reason for your child's absence/ illness.

Many thanks in advance.



### School Uniform

We are proud of our **School Uniform** and believe that by wearing a school uniform EVERY child feels **smart, proud and equal**.

Pupils from Reception to Y6 should wear blue shirt, royal blue jumper/ cardigan, school tie, grey trousers/ skirt and plain black shoes.

**For PE**, we recommend tracksuit in colder months. School tracksuits and coats are available. No football kits.

For the safety of your children, we ask no jewellery is worn and recommend studs only, if ears are pierced.

*LOST PROPERTY- we have lots of left uniform in school with no names. We will be leaving this in the reception area of the office at beginning of next term as it not been claimed. First claimed, first to take away basis. Some items appear very/ nearly new.*

**Pupil  
Council  
2022-23**



### Information - Application Process for Reception and Secondary Places

The application process for **Reception places for September 2023** is now open via the Knowsley Council website [www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures) **The closing date is 15th January 2023.**

When applying for a **Reception Place** please also complete the Supplementary Faith Form 23/24. Please hand the Supplementary Faith Form into the School Office or email to [staidan@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:staidan@knowsley.gov.uk). Please also note that for your child to be considered as baptised Catholic, they must be baptised by the closing date of 15th January 2023.

Please contact our school office **if you would like to visit our school** and you are considering applying for a place in our Reception class.

The application process is now open on the Knowsley Council website for **Secondary School** places for 2023. **The closing date is 31st October 2022.** If you live outside Knowsley, you should make your application via your home local authority.